

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**DEREK WHITSON**

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**CASE NO. 5:23-cr-21**

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The above-styled matter was referred to the Honorable J. Boone Baxter, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Judge Baxter conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 and issued a Report and Recommendation (Docket No. 25). Judge Baxter recommended that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea and conditionally approve the plea agreement. He further recommended that the Court finally adjudge Defendant as guilty of Count 1 of the Indictment. Count 1 of the Indictment charges a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841 (a)(1), possession with intent to distribute Fentanyl. The Court is of the opinion that the Report and Recommendation should be accepted. It is accordingly **ORDERED** that the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 25) is **ADOPTED**. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Defendant's guilty plea is accepted and approved by the Court. Further, the plea agreement is approved by the Court, conditioned upon a review of the presentence report. It is finally

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to the Defendant's amended plea agreement, the Court finds the Defendant **GUILTY** of Count 1 of the Indictment in the above-numbered cause and enters a

**JUDGMENT OF GUILTY** against the Defendant as to Count 1 of the Indictment.

**SIGNED this 7th day of February, 2024.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Schroeder III", written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT W. SCHROEDER III  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE